

Serial No. 09/736,393
Page 2 of 4

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-30 (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) A network headend for accessing information from one or more sources, and broadcasting said information over a television distribution network, said headend comprising:

- a) at least one scaler for receiving a first image generating information stream and generating a scaled version of said first information stream having a reduced image size; and
- b) at least one multiplexer for combining said scaled version with a second image generating information stream to form a combined information stream, said combined information stream being formatted in a picture-in-picture format where a first image generated by said first image generating information stream is overlaid on a second image generated by said second image generating information stream.

32. (Previously Presented) The headend of claim 31, further including an encoder for encoding said scaled version prior to being combined with said second information stream.

33. (Previously Presented) The headend of claim 31, wherein said first information stream is a video program, and said second information stream is selected from the group comprising an Internet web page, a television program guide and user account information.

34. (Previously Presented) The headend of claim 33, wherein said second information stream comprises an Internet web page that is related to a program content of said video program.

Serial No. 09/736,393
Page 3 of 4

35. (Previously Presented) A method for transmitting multiple information streams in a networked distribution system comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a first image generating information stream;
- b) scaling said information stream to form a reduced size image generating information stream;
- c) combining said reduced size image information stream with a second image information stream in a picture-in-picture format to form a combined image information stream; and
- d) transmitting said combined image information stream through a distribution network.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the steps of scaling and combining are carried out in response to a request received from a terminal device for said second information stream, and

said step of transmitting further comprises transmitting said combined image information stream to said terminal device.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein said first information stream is a video program, and said second information stream is selected from the group comprising an Internet web page, a television program guide and user account information.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said second information stream comprises an Internet web page that is related to a program content of said video program.

336489_1